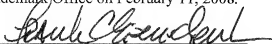


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Sir:

Applicants hereby request a suspension of action in this matter under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c). This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with § 1.114 and Applicants request that action in this application be suspended for a period of three (3) months. The processing fee of \$130.00 was paid at the time this Request was filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other necessary fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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